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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDCI

INFO:

Danny Childs

FROM:

Dave Gries

SUBJECT:

Childs' Note on Congressional Inquiries

I agree with Danny. (His memorandum to you is attached.) The informal "rat lines" between the Comptroller and budget people on the Hill are useful and should be continued. Danny and I have an agreement like the one he had with Briggs under which he handles the rat lines and OCA comes into it when any Agency officer other than an officer from the Comptroller's office is asked to talk to a budget staffer from the Hill, even if the conversation is informal. Meanwhile, Danny always gives us copies of written answers to budget questions for our permanent record.

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Daniel A. Childs, Jr.

Comptroller

SUBJECT:

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PFIAB and Congressional Staff Inquiries

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1. Your note of 5 May on central responsibilities for fielding inquiries from PFIAB and Congressional staffs will hopefully improve what is now a very confusing situation. Frankly, we are getting reports of contacts with Congressional staffers, in particular, from throughout the organization.

2. I fear, however, that your note will further confuse matters in one area--Congressional contacts on resource questions. As the attached note from the former 0.00LL shows, Congressional inquiries on the budget have historically been handled by this Office. We assume your memo did not intend to alter this arrangement and will continue to handle budget-related Congressional inquiries unless we hear from you otherwise.

Daniel A. Childs, Jr.

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Comptroller

FROM:

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: PFIAB and Congressional Staff Inquiries

1. It is becoming increasingly difficult to monitor inquiries and tasking coming into the Agency from the PFIAB staff and Congressional Staffs, particularly when these are done informally either by telephone or personally.

- 2. In order to allow for rational management of our responses to inquiries from the PFIAB and Congressional Staffs, it is essential that this work be channeled through a single focal point. Neither the problem nor the solution are new, but it is imperative that your staffs be instructed to abide by the following:
 - All PFIAB staff inquiries and tasking should be done through the office of the Executive Director. If contacted directly by the PFIAB staff, you should refer them to the EXDIR's office without making any commitments.
 - All Congressional inquiries should be referred to the Office of Congressional Affairs. This includes inquiries from the General Accounting Office, Congressional Research Office, the Office of Technology Assessment and the Congressional Budget Office.

Robert M. Gates

cc: D/OCA

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Remarks To All: Please see that all your people are reminded of, and comply with, this continuing policy.

Executive Secretory
6 May 86
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